

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a mixed language text message in a dialog box, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

determining a reading order for a sentence of a mixed language text message to be displayed in a dialog box of a computer system user interface of a computer system operating system, the reading order being appropriate to render the sentence readable upon display thereof wherein determining a reading order comprises,

evaluating successively, by the computer system, a plurality of characters comprising the mixed language text message to determine whether ones of the plurality of characters comprise one of the following: a strong character and a weak character,

determining, by the computer system, the language of a first strong character in the plurality of characters encountered during the successive evaluation, and

establishing the reading order based upon a language corresponding to the first strong character;

determining an alignment for the mixed language text message, the alignment being appropriate to render the mixed language text message readable upon display thereof; and[.]]

displaying the mixed language text message in the dialog box of the computer system user interface using the determined reading order and alignment.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining an alignment comprises ~~a step of~~ determining the alignment of the language otherwise employed by the computer system user interface to display text.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying comprises ~~a step of~~ overriding the reading order setting otherwise employed by the computer system user interface to display text.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions for displaying a mixed language text message in a dialog box, the computer-executable instructions performing ~~steps comprising~~:

determining a reading order for a sentence of a mixed language text message to be displayed in a dialog box of a computer system user interface of a computer system operating system, the reading order being appropriate to render the sentence readable upon display thereof wherein determining a reading order comprises,

evaluating successively, by the computer system, a plurality of characters comprising the mixed language text message to determine whether ones of the

plurality of characters comprise one of the following: a strong character and a weak character,

determining, by the computer system, the language of a first strong character in the plurality of characters encountered during the successive evaluation, and

establishing the reading order based upon a language corresponding to the first strong character;

determine an alignment for the mixed language text message, the alignment being appropriate to render the mixed language readable upon display thereof; and[[,]]

displaying the mixed language text message in the dialog box of the computer system user interface using the determined reading order and alignment.

8.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 7, wherein ~~the step of determining an alignment comprises a step of determining the alignment of~~ the language otherwise employed by the computer system user interface to display text.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 7, wherein ~~the step of displaying comprises a step of overriding the reading order setting otherwise~~ employed by the computer system user interface to display text.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of establishing a reading order for a sentence of a mixed language text message to be displayed in a dialog box of a computer system user interface, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

examining characters of a sentence of a mixed language text message in succession in an attempt to locate an alphabetic character;

in response to locating an alphabetic character in the sentence, determining the reading order of the located alphabetic character by ascertaining by the computer system at least one of the following: the a language to which the located alphabetic character belongs or and a script to which the located alphabetic character belongs; and[[,]]

in response to locating an alphabetic character in the sentence, setting the reading order of the sentence of the mixed language text message to be the reading order of the located alphabetic character.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises, in response to not locating an alphabetic character in the sentence, ~~the steps of:~~

determining whether a reading order has previously been established for a paragraph in which the sentence is present; and[[,]]

in response to determining that a reading order has previously been established for the paragraph, setting the reading order of the sentence of the mixed language text message to be the reading order of the paragraph.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises, in response to not locating an alphabetic character in the sentence, ~~the steps of:~~

determining whether the sentence comprises a first sentence of the mixed language text message; and[[,]]

in response to determining that the sentence comprises a first sentence of the mixed language text message, setting the reading order of the sentence of the mixed language text message to be the reading order used by an operating system program to display text in the computer system user interface.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises, in response to not locating an alphabetic character in the sentence, ~~the steps of:~~

determining whether the sentence comprises a first sentence of the mixed language text message; and[[,]]

in response to determining that the sentence does not comprise a first sentence of the mixed language text message, setting the reading order of the sentence of the mixed language text message to be the reading order of the first sentence of the mixed language text message.